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USDA-Rural Development
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Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am writing to urge you to favorably consider Farm Power's application for a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant. Farm Power's recently built on-farm, bio-refinery research facility has already begun to produce high quality bio-syngas that is 15-18% methane and 15-18% carbon monoxide, which puts it in the top of operational gasification bio-refinery systems in the development stage throughout the United States. Funding from the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant would allow Farm Power to develop an automated control system to allow for continuous operation of the bio-refinery, modification feedstock delivery system and a cost/benefit analysis.

Farm Power is a Spokane County-based company working towards securing Washington State and America's energy future by increasing domestic production of fuel. USDA Agricultural Research Service, along with Inland Power and Light and Bonneville Power Administration continue to be partners with Farm Power in this endeavor. Farm Power requires funding to transition the project into the commercialization phase where it will generate jobs for Spokane County and increase domestic fuel production through the recycling of waste produced by agricultural activities, producing additional revenue sources for farms and farmers.

Farm Power's on-farm, bio-refinery research facility supports Washington State and our nation's economic priorities of creating jobs, developing rural areas, helping farmers remain competitive and transitioning towards energy independence. I strongly support Farm Power's efforts and encourage your favorable consideration of their grant request.

Sincerely,



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